

Freshman profile: Rep. Linda Kochmar

Linda Kochmar had extensive experience with government before starting her first term as state representative for the 30th District. She was mayor, deputy mayor and a city council member of Federal Way for more than a decade.

Linda is a true pioneer of Federal Way. When she first moved to the area in 1970, it was underdeveloped and economically depressed. In the years to follow, Linda has been part of creating a growing community. She helped build the Federal Way City Hall, the Dumas Bay Center, Celebration Park (an 80-acre park in downtown) and a community center that is used by thousands of citizens annually. Linda's involvement with city government extended to lobbying in Washington, D.C. for funds that were applied to a \$100 million transportation project which increased access to the port and district businesses.

With her get-it-done attitude, Linda completed a bachelor's degree, became a nationally-certified risk manager and worked on a master's degree in public administration. She recently retired after 34 years as a risk manager for Lakehaven Utility District – the largest water/sewer district in the state.

Linda raised six children, has eight grandchildren, and credits her strong faith and determination for her success.